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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please make the following amendment:

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Cross-Reference to Related Applications

The subject matter of this application is related to the subject matter of copending U.S. Patent application serial numbers \_\_\_\_\_, entitled "System and Method for Managing a Component-Based System," "Method and System for Distributing Service Functionality", "Method and System for Integrated Resource Management," "System and Method for Managing Dependencies in a Component-Based System" respectively, each filed the same day as this application and each being assigned or under obligation of assignment to the same assignee as this application, and each also incorporated by reference. --

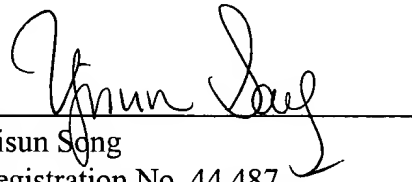
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This preliminary amendment has been submitted to cross-reference related applications,  
that have been filed on the same day and are under obligation of assignment to the same  
assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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